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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Additional Conversation with Mr. Joseph Scott, Department of State, Regarding [REDACTED]-179

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REFERENCE : Memo for the Record from DAD/OSA, Dated 25 September 1963; Subject: "Conversation with Mr. Joseph Scott, 24 September, Regarding [REDACTED] 179" (IDEA-1531)

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25X1D0a 1. Mid-day 25 September Joe Scott called to say that he had talked to [REDACTED] and to [REDACTED] about our conversation of 24 September on a [REDACTED] mission, and he was still not very clear on exactly what "deviation" I was referring to when I mentioned the need for a call to him in the first place. He, of course, sensed that this might mean some major change in flight planning which would move the mission track closer to the Soviet border and thus bring down the ceiling on the Department in view of the "increased White House sensitivity to Soviet border violation--even more than last month."

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2. I spent the next few minutes reassuring Mr. Scott that there was no "deviation" of the sort he envisioned involved, that we were simply combining an approved Manchurian mission with an approved [REDACTED] mission in a single flight and had called 24 September merely to make certain that there was no extraordinary development politically with regard to [REDACTED] that might make such a combination difficult to live with.

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3. On the basis of this assurance, together with my statement that we were going nowhere near the [REDACTED] border, Mr. Scott said that "he and Tom" [REDACTED] saw no need for further coordination within the Department and our request for coordination had, therefore, passed the house. Subsequent to

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this, [REDACTED]-179 was canceled because of weather deterioration and unavailability of mission aircraft. In my view we do not have to clear this again with the Department unless the delay in executing the mission goes beyond the next thirty days.

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